FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! One of the particular invitations of today's readings are to receive and deepen the theological virtue of Hope, given to us in Baptism.

Hope is the virtue which enables us to desire God above all things and to trust Him for personal salvation. In other words, Hope helps us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as he is now, in heaven seated at the right hand of the Father preparing a place for us in our heavenly homeland. We know that heaven is our true home by the light of the gift of Faith which is the beginning of our life with Christ. St. Paul speaks about this when he says, "In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory" (Eph 1:13–14). This great gift which casts out fear and stills our anxieties because we know that we have a loving Father who is caring for us and pleased to make us happy forever with him, to fulfill all our deepest desires.

The virtue of Hope is not merely about a mysterious fulfillment at an uncertain point in the future, but rather gives us the confidence in God's divine aid and the active working of grace which empowers us to live and preach the Gospel. It gives us the strength to live in the midst of the world for the purpose of eternity, namely for the kingdom of heaven. Some of the ways we do this are by seeking the truth and living according to it, by cultivating an attentiveness to the Holy Spirit's presence and action, and by practicing selflessness and radical Charity. By acting in these ways we strengthen this virtue and deepen our desire for, and trust in, God. So I encourage you all to spend time this week praying for a deepening of the gift of Hope and seeking to live it out as a Disciple of Jesus.

In Christ,

Fr. Jack

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

MASS TIMES
8AM // 12:15PM // 6PM

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MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM
(through August 19th)	
	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM -5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM -9:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM -5:00 PM

ALL NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday-1:00 PM through
Saturday 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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FAMILY FORMATION

NOW OPEN!

Family Formation is for all families—whether your kids are infants, high schoolers, or in between. We meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday, after the 11am Mass, during the school year, to grow as disciples in community, together as a family.

Each afternoon includes:

- Family Praise & Worship
- Age-Specific Catechesis for kids and teens
- Adult Formation through talks and small group discussion
- Monthly at-home materials to support parents as the primary catechists of their children

Family Formation is an essential part of preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. All families are encouraged to participate—including those whose children attend Catholic school or homeschool. Many have found it offers a unique sense of community and discipleship beyond the classroom.

MORE THAN JUST LEARNING DOCTRINE, FAMILY FORMATION HELPS US WALK TOGETHER AND LIVE OUT OUR FAITH—AS FAMILIES, IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAN

Dear Parish Family,

I'd like to announce a change to Family Faith Formation and our youth catechesis here at St. John the Baptist for the coming year.

After a lot of prayer and years of consideration, we have decided to meet every other week on Sundays after the 11:00 AM Mass. This increased time together—Mass followed by Formation—will allow us more time for growing as disciples, learning and deepening our life in Christ. It will also allow for greater fellowship as a community and a greater capacity to support one another in faith.

The move to Sundays is also significant. While our whole lives are meant to be offered to the Lord, Sunday is set apart as *His* day. It is the most important day for us to gather together—at the feet of Jesus—learning to follow Him and helping one another do so more fully.

This change is a step forward in living out the core purpose of our parish: *We exist to form a community of Spirit-filled Missionary Disciples of Jesus.*

I look forward to growing closer to the Lord and serving Him alongside you in the coming year.

We're excited to kick off another amazing season of faith, fellowship, and formation here at St. John the Baptist! As summer winds down, we're gearing up for a full lineup of events to bring our parish family together and deepen our walk with Christ.

All Night Adoration— On the first Friday of the month, come spend time in quiet prayer and encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a sacred space for rest, renewal, and listening for God's voice speaking into your heart.

Men's Breakfast— On the second Saturday of the month, Men of the parish gather with us for food, fellowship, and real conversation about faith and life. Strengthen your walk and your brotherhood.

Worship Night— On the third Friday of the month we lift our voices and hearts together in praise! Come experience powerful worship music, prayer, and the presence of God in a dynamic, spirit-filled evening.

Women's Breakfast— Join us for a morning of community, inspiration, and great. It's a beautiful way to connect with other women of faith and be nourished in spirit.

Holy Brews— On October 1st, Holy Brews returns! On the first Wednesday of each month, we gather at Ypsi Alehouse for casual, faith-centered conversations over pints and a peck. Bring your questions, bring a friend and join us for a talk about the things that matter most. Each evening features a guest speaker, followed by a lively Q&A.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW—SEPTEMBER IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

Summer sessions still to come:

Aug 11TH and 18TH - Church History

NEW FALL SESSIONS! OUR "WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES CONTINUES...

The "What the Church Teaches" series is our answer to OCIA. Whether you're new and just exploring the Catholic faith or are a lifelong Catholic looking to go deeper, you're warmly invited to join us!

This fall, we'll dive into powerful and thought-provoking teachings, including the Sacraments, the Liturgy, Catholic moral teaching, Catholic social teaching, being Catholic in a secular world, and discerning God's plan for your life.

MONDAYS AT 6:30PM
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

HOW CAMPUS MINISTRY HELPED ME WITH MY CALL TO BECOME AN S.P.O. MISSIONARY

My college years were some of the most transformative years of my life. As a college athlete, I knew I would have to be intentional with my time, specifically in my pursuit of the Lord. During my freshman and sophomore year, I quickly became involved in campus ministry nights and a weekly small group. The culture I experienced on campus and within my sports team was drastically different from what I experienced when I came to campus ministry. It quickly became evident that SJB Campus Ministry was the soil the Lord desired to plant me in to help me grow in relationship with Him and others. In my last three years I began to take on more leadership roles and led a small group. As I invested more of my time into my relationship with the Lord and relationships within campus ministry, I could see how the Lord took the little time and talent I had to offer and multiplied it. The more I gave, the more He gave in return. It soon became clear the Lord was inviting me to give the next two years of my life to Him as a missionary for St. Paul's Outreach. I know that no time given to the Lord is wasted. I am excited to continue to serve Him and bless the students at Texas State University as I was blessed by campus ministry here at SJB.

In my five years at Eastern Michigan, this parish became like family to me, and campus ministry in particular has blessed me abundantly. Please know of my prayers for you, and I humbly ask for your prayers.

In Christ,
Anna Watson

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WITH US!

Our annual SJBash is almost here — and you won't want to miss it! Join us for an evening of faith, food, and family fun! We'll kick things off with Mass at 6PM, followed by dinner, games, and activities for all ages.

Bring your friends, bring your appetite, and get ready for a great time!

Volunteers needed — come be part of the fun behind the scenes! Just call the office.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 6PM

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

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SO MANY GOOD THINGS STARTING THIS FALL!

JOIN THE SJB MAILING LIST

Stay up to date on the latest Mass schedules, events, formation opportunities and ministries. We're on a mission to create community and connect people— to each other, and to God. Sign up, stay in the know, and get involved! We promise not to flood your inbox. :)

SEEKING CATECHISTS FOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation at St. John the Baptist is looking for passionate, faith-filled individuals to serve as catechists for our Sunday afternoon sessions — just two times per month.

Whether you're:
A parent of a child already attending
Someone who loves working with kids
A person who feels called to serve the Church
— we'd love for you to join our team!

As a catechist, you'll help children deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and build a personal relationship with God. Sessions include prayer, group discussions, games, crafts, and other fun, faith-enriching activities.

No teaching experience? No problem. We provide full training and a complete curriculum — all you need is a heart for Christ and His children.

Must be a Catholic in good standing and open to learning and growing in your own faith. Interested? Have questions?
Contact Jacob at jacobg@ypsicatholic.org

SACRISTANS NEEDED

We're looking for more Sacristans to help with daily Masses. No experience necessary—training will be provided!

To serve in this meaningful way or to learn more, contact SrMary@YpsiCatholic.org.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a holy hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy washing" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

We would like to provide this ministry to both Fr. Dan and Fr. Jack. We need at least 3 more women to cover both of them in prayer. If you feel called to such prayer, contact SrMary@YpsiCatholic.org.

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to attend a preparation session and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

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Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

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Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
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Caroline Stramecky

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 11
12:15 PM: Intentions of the Mammah Family
Requested by Betty Okwunweze

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
8 AM: † David Sanville
Requested by Joyce Hughes

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
6 PM: † Kathleen Higgins & Family
Requested by Geralyn Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
8 AM: † Margaret Tsilis
Requested by KofC 3230

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
8 AM: Intentions of James & Jacob Gunawan
Requested by Rudy Gunawan

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
8 AM: † Ray Purcell
Requested by Andrew Mills

5 PM: † Sr. Anne Marilyn Tyler
Requested by Anita Henlein

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
9 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM: † John Scerbak
Requested by David Stolarski

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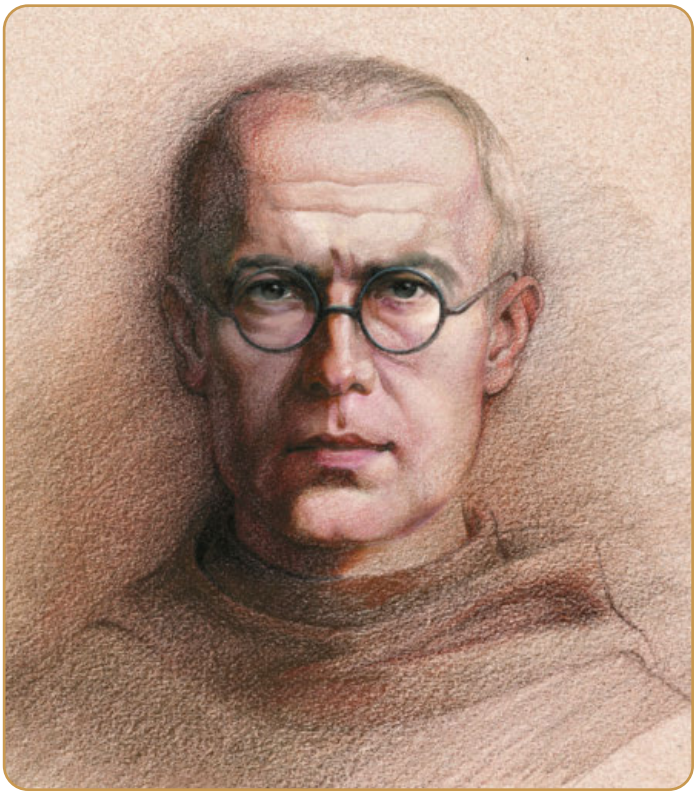
JOHN PAUL II

HOMILIY FOR THE CANONIZATION OF

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe

OCTOBER 10, 1982



Towards the end of July, 1941, when the camp commander ordered the prisoners destined to die of starvation to fall in line, this man-Maximilian Maria Kolbe-spontaneously came forward and declared himself ready to go to death in the place of one of them. This readiness was accepted and, after more than two weeks of torment caused by starvation, Father Maximilian's life was ended with a lethal injection on August 14, 1941.

All this happened in the concentration camp at Auschwitz where during WWII some four million people were put to death, including the St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). Disobedience to God-the Creator of life who said, "Thou shalt not kill"-caused in that place the immense holocaust of so many innocent persons. And so at the same time, our age has thus been horribly stigmatized by the slaughter of the innocent.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, himself a prisoner of the concentration camp, defended in that place of death an innocent man's right to life. Father Kolbe defended his right to life, declaring that he was ready to go to death in the man's place, because he was the father of a family and his life was necessary for his dear ones. Father Maximilian Maria Kolbe thus reaffirmed the Creator's exclusive right over innocent human life. He bore witness to Christ and to love. For the Apostle John writes: "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

The Church has venerated Father Maximilian as "Blessed" since 1971. By laying down his life for a brother, he made himself like Christ.

Gathered today before the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome, we wish to express the special value which Father Maximilian Kolbe's death by martyrdom has in the eyes of God.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." These are the words we have repeated in today's responsorial psalm. It is truly precious and inestimable! Through the death which Christ underwent on the Cross, the redemption of the world was achieved, for this death has the value of supreme love. Through the death of Father Maximilian Kolbe, a shining sign of this love was renewed in our century which is so seriously and in so many ways threatened by sin and death.

In this canonization liturgy there seems to appear before us that "martyr of love" of Oswiecim (as Paul VI called him), saying: "O Lord, I am thy servant. I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid. Thou has loosed my bonds" (Psalm 115 (116):16).

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
AUGUST 16TH & AUGUST 17TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
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ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
Toni Esteva	Lucy Shaw	Judy Ramirez
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
Need Volunteer	**Need Volunteer**	**Need Volunteer**
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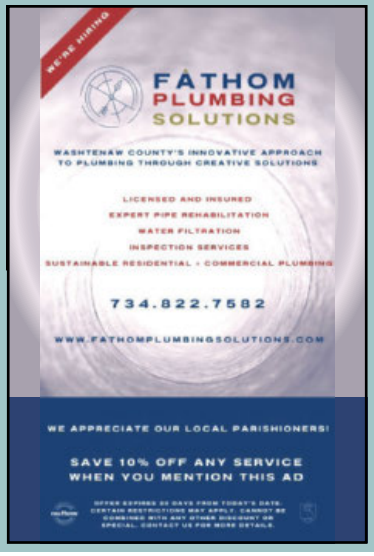

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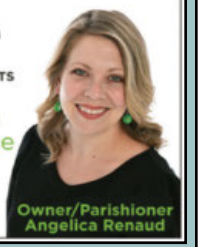
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